

Palestinian Splits Audience At SFU

"The army came and I decided to avoid confrontation," says Hanna Nasir, 38, twice a refugee from Palestine, "because earlier we heard that students from other schools were killed in these types of clashes with the Israeli military government."

"The following day I received a call at 11 p.m. They demanded that I put a halt to student protests, but I said 'I'm a college president, not a military general.' I was asked to present myself immediately to the district's military governor."

An hour later, Nasir was handcuffed, blindfolded and escorted to the Lebanese border.

This took place last November. Nasir is now on a tour to bring his case before the Canadian people to, in his words, "embarrass the Israeli government into allowing me to reunite with my family and resume my post as president of Bidzeit College in the West Bank."

Can the Arabs and Jews live together in harmony in a secular state? Nasir believes they can. Israelis disagree. Accordingly, the confrontation at Simon Fraser University where Nasir gave a talk on Friday noon, May 30, unfolded in the proverbial fashion with emotional outbursts and sparked by preliminary polemics.

The air was tense at lecture room 303 as some 50 persons awaited the PLO representative. Finally, 40 minutes late, Nasir arrived out of breath. He had just been interviewed by Jack Webster on CJOR and was delayed in downtown traffic.

The audience, which seemed to be equally divided between Jewish and Arab supporters, turned out to be a microcosm of the Mid-East scenario. The pro-Israelis were psyched up for a PLO member and a representative and ready with a barrage of poignant questions.

Nasir began by saying that he had come alone, as an individual Palestinian, but not as an official of the PLO. "I have not come here to fight or attack you," he told the Zionist sympathizers repeatedly when tempers flared. "I'm coming to try and solve a problem that affects us."

Although not officially a PLO representative, Nasir maintained that he supported any "sincere Palestinian."

Audience: Is George Habash a sincere Palestinian in your eyes? Are the people who are coming in for the sake of killing, are these sincere Palestinians in your eyes? If not, are you ready to make a public statement about this? (Habash is leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a Marxist group that has broken off from the PLO).

Nasir: I think George Habash is a sincere Palestinian. There is no question there is violence. There is violence because there are thousands of people who are being displaced from their country. As a result of this displacement, there is violence. But we are asking only one thing...an ethical solution—is it plausible for the people in Israel to accept it (a secular Arab-Jewish

state) in principle? Then maybe we can work it out together close to that principle and live peacefully in the country of Palestine.

Aud: You spoke of safeguarding the rights of Jewish people. What did you mean by that? It seemed to me that you were making a distinction between the political situation and the rights of human beings. In what way would you like to see the rights of human beings, regardless of their origins, safeguarded?

Nasir: I think we've already made that very clear. We said if there are Jews in the Arab world who have not been treated well...and there is not really full evidence that they are persecuted in the Arab world...but I think that if they are not treated well, we will have to stand and fight for their rights as citizens of the Arab world. Now there is no question that there has been mass immigration of Jewish people from the Arab world, but this was not done by the Arabs as such. Israel has asked and requested that all the Jews in the world come to Israel.

My position is that I'm for the rights of any human being.

Aud: Why does Israel consistently refuse to recognize the rights of the Palestinians? They've just ignored them and swept them under the carpet.

Nasir: I think this is a question that should be directed to Israel itself. We realize that the Palestinians are not recognized on the human level and I think this is a serious part of the problem.

Aud: Your suggestion is to make a

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"So That Children May Feel Safe" original painting by the Palestinian Artist Naim Ismail.

The infamous massacres of Deir Yassin and Kafr Kassem in which Zionist terrorists butchered Palestinian women, Children and Old men indiscriminately, inspired the idea of painting, which also symbolizes the emergence of the Palestinian Resistance Movement.

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**"The whole world is
confused about
our problem."**

Three MPs say media misrepresent Arabs, urge non-partisan Mideast foreign policy

THE GLOBE AND MAIL

Canada needs a new, objective Middle Eastern foreign policy, instead of its present pro-Israel policy, but is unlikely to get it while Arabs are deliberately misrepresented to Canadians by their newspapers, radio and television, the Canadian Arab Federation was told Saturday.

Three members of Parliament agreed that the picture of Arabs as terrorists probably arises through Jewish influence in the media, if not on staff then in the board rooms.

Heath MacQuarrie, (PC, Hillsborough), Ralph Stewart (L. Cochrane) and Derek Blackburn (NDP, Brant) formed a panel discussion on Canadian Political Parties and the Middle East during the federation's ninth annual convention during the weekend at Toronto's Lord Simcoe Hotel.

Mr. Stewart said the Canadian Government has tried to be as objective as possible, but because of the great pressures, it has not always succeeded. The image of Arabs

in Canada has been created by the media.

"I believe this has been done purposely and that most Canadians have been seduced by the media into believing that an Arab, whether he is a Palestinian, whether it's the Palestine Liberation Organization, whether it is Al Fatah or whether it is an Egyptian, no matter... if it is anything to do with Arab the whole thing is put into the same little bag and that is equated with the word terrorist. This has been done specifically by the news media in Canada as it has in the United States," Mr. Stewart said.

While anyone to do with Palestine is described as a terrorist, Israelis are described in kinder terms. Israeli groups recently entering Lebanon were called "raiding parties"—although people were killed and carried off and houses burned down, he said.

Mr. MacQuarrie criticized lawyers who have urged that P.L.O. representatives be

banned from a criminology conference to be held in September in Toronto.

"It is outrageous to go about the country suggesting virtuous people are those who defy the majority decision of an international body we helped found," he said.

(The United Nations general assembly granted observer status to the PLO as representing the Palestinian people. The criminology conference is UN sponsored.)

Mr. Blackburn said the NDP has no policy on the Middle East. Some members of the parliamentary caucus have a strong Zionist approach—"and not necessarily the Jewish members." The Zionist approach stems partly from the horrors of the holocaust in Europe, which influenced North American thinking; and partly from the old Zionist labor movement of two or three generations ago, which felt kinship between Jewish and socialist minorities.

He said he does not suggest

the State of Israel should be destroyed, or endorse terrorism on either side, but wants to see justice brought to the Palestinians and the re-establishment of a Palestinian state.

Israel practices racism and "I can't support a state that practices racism," Mr. Blackburn said. A similar accusation was levelled at the State of Israel by a Jew, Abie Weisfeld, president of the Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews.

Mr. Weisfeld said Zionism has not dealt with the social conditions that bred and still breed anti-Semitism, now directed against Palestinians, Arabs in general "and even the black-skinned Jews of Israel." For 27 years Israel has denied the rights of the Palestinians.

At yesterday's session, the more than 200 delegates heard General E. L. M. Burns, former commander of the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East.

Gen. Burns said he favored

creation of a separate Palestinian state in the Middle East under "the right circumstances," and said the Zionist point of view might have been "overpresented" in the North American media.

He called for Canada and other North Atlantic Treaty Organization members to make it clear to the United States at the next NATO meeting that they would adopt a neutral position "and not become involved in a possible war involving the superpowers, arising out of the Middle East situation, without previous consultation."

The loudest cheers were reserved for Hanna Nasser, a Palestinian and U.S.-educated nuclear physicist who condemned Israel for what he termed the "violations of the human rights of Palestinians in occupied territories."

Dr. Nasser was the president of Bir Zeit College near Ramallah, about 10 kilometres north of Jerusalem on the occupied West Bank of the

Jordan River, before his expulsion last year by the Israelis.

He said he was accused of staging pro-PLO demonstrations and strikes in the area "but there were no charges."

A far more serious problem, he said, were thousands of "administrative detentions" and expulsions of Palestinians "with no charges and no questions asked."

"I have known friends who have been in jail, without going to court, for the last seven years. And those of us who have been deported would prefer a jail in Palestine to being outside Palestine."

meeting. Burns was speaking to a convention meeting of the Canadian Arab Federation at the Lord Simcoe Hotel.

NATO countries are committed to come to the aid of any member attacked, but need not become involved in any Middle East war because Israel is not a member of NATO, Burns said.

Burns, who served in both world wars, was commander of the UN's peace-keeping forces in the Middle East from 1956-59. He also served from 1963-68 with the rank of ambassador as Canada's chief international disarmament negotiator.

Burns noted that former U.S. President Richard Nixon had not first notified his NATO allies when he put U.S. forces on a worldwide alert during a crisis with the Soviet Union during the last Arab-Israeli war.

The action could have resulted in an escalation leading to World War III, he suggested.

Burns said Canadians should stop being apathetic and take a serious interest in the problems of the Middle East.

He suggested that Canada show more support for the Palestinians, whom he said have suffered for 50 years.

TORONTO STAR

RCMP deny Arab Ottawa charge of bugging let in PLO men

There has been no request for an investigation of RCMP harassment of Canadian Arabs, according to Assistant Commissioner Edward Lysyk, RCMP commanding officer for southern Ontario.

The Canadian Arab Federation said Sunday that it had asked Solicitor-General Warren Allmand to order an inquiry into RCMP activities. The federation charged the RCMP with tapping phones of Arab Canadians, bugging meeting places and recruiting informers to spy on the Arab community.

According to a federation report, electronic listening

devices were found in the Montreal office of Association Quebec Palestine last February.

"I can say quite straightforwardly I am not aware of anyone requesting an investigation," said Lysyk. "I am not aware of any bugging. The only bugging anyone would do is if it were authorized and I don't know of any."

James Peters, president of the Canadian-Arab Friendship Society, said the RCMP will not act on any allegations made against them and the charges were made only to bring them into public light.


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OTTAWA — Members of the Palestine Liberation Organization have been allowed into Canada although they belong to a "prohibited class," Immigration Minister Robert Andras disclosed yesterday.

In the House of Commons Heath Macquarrie (PC—Hillsborough), asked why Dr. Fayed Sayegh, the permanent PLO representative at the United Nations, was interrogated at Toronto International Airport May 18 when he arrived to attend the ninth annual convention of the Canadian Arab Federation.

Andras replied that Sayegh admitted he was a member of the PLO, an organization whose members are prohibited from entering Canada under current immigration policy, but was allowed to remain in Canada under a special ministerial permit.

Andras said outside the Commons that such a permit is granted to people who belong to a prohibited class but who don't pose an immediate security threat.

Andras said the present immigration policy which places the PLO in the "prohibited class" category is under review.

Church council 'tool of Israel,' Arab declares

Khaled Mouammar, president of the Canadian Arab Federation, said yesterday that the Canadian Council of Churches was making itself "a tool of Israeli propaganda" by asking members not to issue baptismal certificates to travellers wishing to visit Arab countries.

Mr. Mouammar said that certain travellers were being barred from Arab countries "not because of their faith, but because of their hostilities" and that the countries did not ask for proof of religion.

An Arab boycott against firms that contribute to the economic and military development of Israel would mean that individuals related to those firms would not be allowed entry to Arab states, Mr. Mouammar said. Similarly, a journalist who was "reporting unfairly on the Arab situation" would not be admitted.

"Whether they are Jewish or not is not important," he said.

Canadian neutrality is urged

Lt. Gen. E. L. M. Burns urged that Canada declare neutrality in the event the U.S. is drawn into war over the Middle East without first consulting its allies.

The 77-year-old soldier-diplomat said Canada should serve such notice on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at its next

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- G. H. -

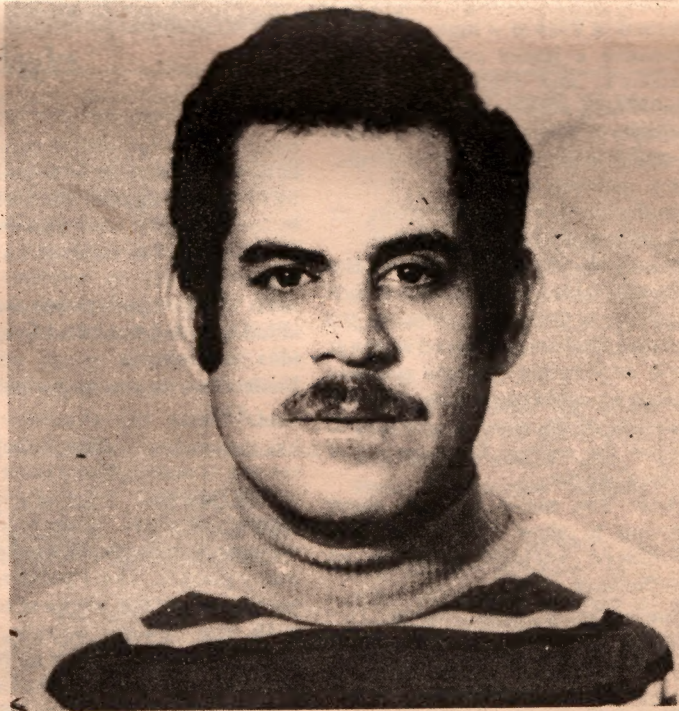
Al Fatah Leader Killed In Car Explosion

Beirut (IPS) — A senior official of Al Fatah was killed when his car exploded on May 15th while he was driving in a street near the Palestine Liberation Organisation offices in Beirut. Two other cars, one belonging to an Iraqi, were also reported to have been destroyed by explosions earlier in the morning in other parts of the capital.

The Fatah official, Captain Hamdi Abu Rahma, was an organiser in the movement's occupied territories department, which is responsible for co-ordinating political and military activities in the Israeli-held areas. His nom-de-guerre was Abu Hussam.

The bomb blast, which came at 9.15 a.m., completely destroyed the car and damaged nearby vehicles and buildings.

The Palestine News Agency Wafa later released a communique condemning the explosion as an act of 'Zionist aggression', and it was widely assumed that Israeli agents were behind the killing.



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secular state including Arabs, Jews and Christians...like most other nations in the Western world.

Nasir: That is at least the general theme of our proposal.

Aud: Are you a member of the PLO or a branch thereof?

Nasir: No sir, I am just an ordinary person who has been kicked out of Israel six months ago.

Aud: Could you give me a picture of a model secular state in which all these people...Christians, Jews, Moslems...live together in harmony?

Nasir: Well, we can give you a model of Palestine before 1947. (Applause by half the audience and loud talking by the rest.)

Aud: Before 1947 there were riots...there were killings. I lived there then.

Nasir: Of course there were fightings after there was a political problem. I'm saying there was mass immigration of Jewish people from outside.

Aud: ...and Arabs from the outside.

Nasir: No I don't think you're right about that.

Aud: He is right about that.

Aud: How many Arabs are there in Palestine?

Nasir: Right now there are about more than one million Arabs in the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip has about 300 to 400 thousand.

Aud: A non-political question for a change. You are introduced as president of Bidzeit university. Could you tell us when it was established and the activities of that university?

Nasir: Bidzeit College was established in 1924 as a high school. It became a junior college in the sixties, and right now it is becoming a four-year college. It's simply a liberal arts and science college with about 450 students. It's an Arab college.

Aud: No Jews either living or studying in the college?

Nasir: No. It was closed by the Israelis about a year and a half ago for a short time because the students demonstrated against the deportation of eight civilians from occupied territories. And the answer of the government was to close the college for a period of three weeks.

Aud: You made a point about trying to show that Israel had violated various statutes or something...

Nasir: Not statutes...rights.

Aud: Do you actually expect people to fight clean wars as opposed to dirty wars?

Nasir: Yes.

Aud: I find that very naive of you to think that of any country that finds its existence threatened by the rules imposed by others.

Nasir: I beg to differ violently with that because this is not the law of the jungle. Even in America and Canada people are very aware of their rights, that no action can be taken against you without you being taken to court. I mean there has been demolition of homes after the war ended in 67. There was a ceasefire and then villages were completely eradicated. And that's called a violation. A very serious violation. But we cannot accept that. And this is what we are fighting for.

Aud: I'm getting really confused.

Nasir: (laughs). I am confused sometimes. So are the Arabs. So are the Israelis and so are the Jews. The whole world is confused about our problem.

Aud: On the one hand I hear you say you are concerned for people's

rights. On the other hand I hear you say that violence is inevitable. Why do you think violence is inevitable?

Nasir: I see it as inevitable because the rights of people have not been given to them. And when people for 30 years are frustrated to get back their rights, they use violence at moments.

Aud: We hear that many Arabs in the occupied territories are in jail. Are they receiving fair treatment?

Nasir: Many people who were outside the west bank during the 67 war were not allowed to return to their country. There are old people and young children who are unable to return to their communities. This is a very serious emotional problem. Every family is broken in almost one way or another.

Aud: Some of the things you're saying sound very absurd to me...Why aren't you going to the activists, the PLO types you claim you're not a member of, and try to confront them with their acts of violence?

Nasir: Yes of course, but you realize that violence has made more violence on the Arab side.

Aud: Set an example.

Nasir: There has been enormous violence by the Israelis against innocent Palestinians all through history. There was Kfar Chouba,

have killed leaders in the Arab world!

Aud: Do you think there has been a change due to the oil situation?

Nasir: Unfortunately, the problem is still as volatile as it was after the 73 war. And Israel is guilty because it has not really paved the way for peaceful groups. Kissinger himself voiced his irritation about the obstinacy of Israel during the peace negotiations.

Aud: (man in beige suit, wearing tie) Let me compliment you on the nice way you present half of the picture.

Nasir: And now it is your turn to present the other half.

Beige suit: I am a lawyer. And in every court you've got one basic principle. Nobody can come and plead his case unless he comes with clean hands...Arafat came with the olive branch but his program is one of murder and his charter is that of the PLO, a charter which is unacceptable because...

Aud: Unacceptable to who? To the Israelis?

Nasir: What are you trying to tell me? Are you trying to tell me not to talk to you? I have very clean hands. I've never shot a person.

Beige suit: But you represent an organization which does?

Nasir: The Palestinians have recognized the PLO as their

"It is inconceivable to have a Jewish state because this trespasses on the rights of Palestinians."

bombings of Palestinian camps in Lebanon...There is now violence by the Arabs against the violence by the Israelis. I have admitted to you that there is violence on both sides.

Aud: The idea isn't to say that we killed four and you killed five. The idea is to stop it.

Nasir: How do you stop violence?

Aud: Arafat, the murderer who has threatened to drive Israel into the sea, is making these same kind of statements.

Nasir: This is such a silly statement. It has been used by so many people. The Palestinians have declared that we want to live with the Jewish people. We declare it publicly. What more can I say? We declared it in the United Nations, we teach it in all our refugee camps. You go to the Arab camps...the refugee camps...

Aud: If I could.

Nasir: No. You can go.

Aud: The point is you don't have access to Arab countries unless you play this stupid game where you have to lie by signing a paper saying you don't have any Jewish blood.

Nasir: It is from a technical point of view you are talking. I met the leader of the American Jewish Congress of New York in Beirut a month and a half ago. About 15 Rabbi's were invited.

Aud: Maybe the rabbi's didn't have any Jewish blood.

Nasir: A country has its sovereignty and you can't start bitching about the procedures. I had a hard time getting into Canada. I cannot go to Mecca because I'm a Christian. But what I'm trying to tell you is that Jews can enter Lebanon very easily. And they have entered. My goodness, they

representative. I don't know what your citizenship is...

Beige suit: I'm Israeli.

Nasir: And you realize that the Israeli government is your representative and you have not spoken to your own government about the Deir Yassim and other massacres.

Aud: (applause from the Arab side).

Nasir: I think we as Palestinians have realized that it is inconceivable really to have a Jewish state because this trespasses on the rights of the Palestinians. Our solution contradicts the idea of Zionism of having a primarily Jewish state.

Aud: What is wrong with having two democratic states? One state the majority are Jews and the other state the majority are the Arabs.

Nasir: How can you call Israel a democratic state?

Aud: We know that racial prejudice exists in that country as it exists in North America. Let's face it, this two-state proposal makes one the superior and the other the inferior.

Aud: In this country the French Canadians would like to operate a separate state. Now you have in the Middle East several cultures, and the suggestion by the Palestinians is for one secular democratic state. How can you expect different cultural groups to live under the same political state?

Nasir: If in principle we talk about human rights and people living together, and of the legitimate

rights of the Palestinians in Israel, one might think of certain changes on the ideal solution...So there are various possibilities on the way to that secular state. Maybe the secular state will come as a final

solution, when the Jews will find that this is the only way in which they can live happily in that area. But this is the gist of the whole idea.

Aud: This idea of people not being able to live together in one area stinks. My wife is from Ukrainian background and I'm English and we get along fine. We have Italian neighbors. We have Chinatown. Look at these Arabs. This is Canada!

(Applause. Disorder.)

Aud: Before the 1967 occupation there were a lot of people from Haifa and Jaffa on the west bank. Did you hear of one of those people being allowed to go back to their homes?

Nasir: Well they certainly were able to go and watch their homes. And I was one of those people who saw my home in Jaffa. And that's it. We just observed it from a short distance and there were Jewish families living there.

Aud: The only way we're going to achieve peace is to stop violence first.

Aud: Put it through to your leadership that they should do it.

Aud: You put it through to yours and he'll put it through to his.

Nasir: By the way, I don't have a hot line.

Aud: I would like to direct this question to the gentleman in the purple suit. What are you doing for us because the Palestinians are still being kept out?

Man in purple suit: The Israeli Minister of Information said just a few weeks ago that if the PLO will declare openly to abandon the idea of one state, Israel will negotiate with the PLO. You see, you can negotiate about territories and rights, but you can't negotiate your existence. According to the PLO charter, the Jewish people as a nation don't have the right to exist.

Aud: So you don't support a racial



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state?

Purple man: No.

Nasir: Of course you do.

Purple man: You asked me. I gave you an answer without any reservation. I don't support any racial state.

Nasir: You have to admit that Israel is a racist state.

Man in purple: I deny it flatly. (Audience uproar.)

Nasir: Don't be absurd....

Purple man: Define a racist state.

Nasir: Every Jew can enter Palestine, right? Not a single Arab can enter there? Do you call that an unracist state?

Purple man: Absolutely.

Nasir: Every Jew in the world can enter that area....

Purple man: Watch your emotions.

Nasir: Is that not a racist state?

Purple man: No. The answer is innocent people that want to come can settle. But people...

Nasir: (screaming): Hundreds of my family people have never been able to enter the occupied territories and they are Christian Arabs. And you say that your state is not racist? Then you are not telling the truth. (Applause from half the audience.)



A Palestinian mother and her child in one of the refugee camps.

Demonstrations back Palestinians

SAN FRANCISCO — Three hundred people here marched from Embarcadero Plaza to the Federal Building on May 17, to participate in the International Day of Solidarity with Palestine.

The spirited march down Market st. was marked by a continual string of chants in English and Arabic. Demonstration demands included U.S. government recognition of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinians, and the cessation of all U.S. military aid to Israel.

Wafa Darwazeh, spokesperson for the Palestinian community here, stressed the right of the Palestinians to return to their homeland. A solidarity message from the Union of Vietnamese in the United States was read to the enthusiastic crowd. An assistant shop steward in Local 6, Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union; and a member of the Puerto Rican Socialist party were among the other speakers.

A partial list of the groups supporting the demonstration includes the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations, Anne Devlin Irish Republican Club, Anti-Imperialist Movement in Solidarity with African Liberation, Communist party, Greek Students Organization, Union of Democratic Filipinos, Liberation School, Non-Intervention in Chile, Organization of Arab Students in Bay Area, Socialist

Workers' Party, South Asian Student Association, and Iranian Students Assn.

In New York hundreds of people attended a teach-in cultural event, march and rally last week in support of the Palestinian people. The events were organized by the Palestine Information Committee and supported by 26 organizations.

Five hundred people attended the teach-in, held Thursday, May 15 at the School of International Affairs, Columbia University. Speakers included Hassan Sadat, representative of the Palestinian Liberation Organization; Ricardo Alarcon, Cuban ambassador to the United Nations; and representatives of the Vietnamese and Cambodian communities.

Participants viewed the film, "The May of the Palestinians," which depicts the history of Palestine since the October (1973) War, and a poster and photographic exhibit.

On Sunday, May 18, hundreds of people gathered at the UN Plaza and marched to the Israeli and Jordanian UN missions, demanding the freedom of political prisoners in those countries. The group then returned to the plaza for a rally, featuring speakers and messages from the 26 supporting organizations. More than half of the demonstrators were Arabs.

The Jewish Defense League had called the police and local newspapers, threatening to stop the march, but this never materialized.



HUNDREDS OF demonstrators marched in New York city, May 18, to support the struggles of the Palestinian people for justice in the Middle East. Similar marches were held in San Francisco and Denver on the same day.

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Demonstrators in San Francisco to support the struggles of the Palestinians people

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PEOPLE'S WORLD

TWO YOUNG ARABS IMPRISONED

Occupied Territory,

A Zionist military court sitting in Nablus, the occupied West Bank, yesterday, passed prison sentences on two young Arabs charged with resisting the occupation authorities. Munser Mahmoud Abdul Rahman of Tulkarim was sentenced to two years and Ibrahim Saleh, of Jenin, to five years.

PALESTINE

On May 15, 1948, the Zionist entity was established, with the connivance of international imperialism, on the soil of Arab Palestine. Since then this day has been observed throughout the Arab homeland as a day to rededicate ourselves to liberate the usurped part of the Arab homeland.

ZIONISTS ARREST ARAB SCHOOL TEACHERS

Amman,

According to reports from the occupied territories the Zionist authorities have recently arrested a number of secondary school teachers and students in the West Bank on the occasion of the circulation of leaflets calling for strikes.

The enemy authorities arrested a group of youth on the charge of the formation of cells attached to the resistance movement. They also arrested three citizens of the village of Betwa on the charge of plac-

ing a land mine along the road used by the enemy forces.

A curfew was announced in the village for several days. In Bethlehem three persons were arrested together with five workers of the water supply administration of the Jerusalem governorate in Ramalla on the charge of resisting the Zionist occupation authorities.

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ZIONIST POLICE ASSAULT STRIKING PORT WORKERS

Tel Aviv,

Police massed on the shore of the Mediterranean port of

Ashdod just south of here today waiting to arrest striking port workers who had taken to their employer's boats.

Four boats could be seen lying a few kilometres off-shore and the Eilat-Ashkelon Pipeline Company has lodged charges of "criminal trespass and theft" against the men on board.

Other strikers on shore decided to call off their week-long industrial action today after their leaders met company representatives.

The dispute involves the hiring by the company of a private contractor to work at the marine terminals of the pipeline. The workers say this endangers their livelihood.

Yesterday, Zionist police opened fire during a struggle with strikers trying to prevent them from handing over orders calling for the workers' leaders to appear before a labour court.

COMMANDOS SHELL ZIONIST TOWN

Damascus,

Palestinian commandos rocketed the town of Beisan in occupied Palestine

A commando spokesman, quoted by the Palestine news agency (WAFA), said in a statement that the commandos twice fired rockets at the town, whose lights were off for 15 minutes.

The spokesman said the commandos returned safely to base.

Palestine march

DENVER

AN INTERNATIONAL Day of Solidarity with Palestine was celebrated in Denver by two events. On Friday, May 16, the Palestine Solidarity Committee sponsored an evening in solidarity with Palestine featuring Hasan Rahman, assistant director of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) office in New York City.

Speaking to a crowd of more than 100 people, mainly of the Arab community, Rahman thanked supporters in the U.S. for their efforts which "showed the Palestinians that they are not struggling alone."

He also stressed that the Palestinian struggle was only a part of the national liberation struggle in the world. "The list of oppressed peoples is very long and the Palestinians know that we are marching along with the rest of the Third World. It is important that we support the struggles of all oppressed people."

Starting at noon Saturday a march in support of the Palestinians took place. It left from East High school in Denver and proceeded down Colfax to the state Capitol where speeches were heard. About 100 people took part in this event. Support marches also took place in Fort Collins, CO and Laramie WYO. Saturday events were sponsored by an ad-hoc committee of Arab groups and progressive U.S. groups.

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Arab oil

"The Case for the Arab Oil embargo"
by Ibrahim Shihata, The Institute for
Palestine Studies.

This book which will appear shortly in Beirut (published in English and Arabic by the Institute for Palestine Studies, Price \$4) deals with a subject that is currently hitting all the headlines. The author however, has focussed his study on the legal aspects of the embargo and situates it within the context of International customary law. After a detailed description of the manner in which the Arab States applied their discriminatory oil embargo in 1973, the author goes on to explain the real motives for the utilisation of the embargo in those particular circumstances.

Of special interest, perhaps, is his account of the use of the economic embargo by the United States and other countries including of course the USSR in times of peace and war. He thus reveals that the Arab States are far from being the first to apply the embargo as a measure of national defense or as a means of political pressure in certain international conflicts. From this he argues that the use of the Arab Oil Embargo is legitimate in regard to the conflict concerning Palestine: by applying this embargo the Arab States are not exerting black mail but, on the contrary, trying to prevent certain countries from continuing to violate their obligations of neutrality towards the Arab States particularly in regard to Israel's occupation of Syrian and Egyptian territories and the denial of the legitimate rights of the Palestine People.

A book for all those who want to understand why and how the embargo came to be used as an instrument of pressure recognised in customary international law and for what reasons the Arab States decided to apply it in the circumstances of 1973.

Arab drive to foil Zionism in Africa

By ELIE CHRISTOU

KUWAIT — Israel, her American and European supporters are designing intrigues and other suspicious acts aiming at splitting the Afro-Arab solidarity that was clearly evidenced in the post October War and climaxed by African States severing relations with Israel.

This was disclosed in political reports received in the Foreign Ministry here, warning Arab capitals against indifference and overlooking of such grave tendencies that would result in Zionist and colonialist attempts to shatter the solidarity.

The reports disclosed African States that had received Arab promises for assistance, which were not fulfilled, are reverting relations with Tel Aviv government.

According to the reports the American and British press are indirectly encouraging African countries to this tendency by comparing the vast Arab oil surpluses and their investment in Europe and America with the meagre Arab assistance to Africa and other developing countries.

Well placed Arab political circles said this state of affairs aroused concern and Arab countries and the Arab League are studying various aspects of this issue in the wake of this suspicious move and are reconsidering all resolutions adopted by Arab conventions and conferences in this connection.

Well placed sources mentioned that the African states issues will shortly be clarified and African leaders will be officially invited to Arab states to discuss their needs and in turn, Arab delegations are expected to tour these countries in attempts to foil the ill-intended Israeli moves.

ARABIAN GULF WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



-Pictures show delegates attending the Arabian Gulf Women's Conference held in Kuwait last month.

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Kuwait, Lulwa Al qatqmi, the president of Kuwait Women's Social-Cultural Society welcomed the participants in the first regional Women's Conference in the Arabian Gulf.

Salem Al Sabah, the Kuwaiti minister of Social and Labour welcomed the Arab and friendly delegation, he said "We all appreciate the role which the woman plays in the society in all fields"

The Arab and friendly delegations followed with speeches marking the occasion. The U.N. and Palestine participated in the Conference which ended the last month

Evidence of Israeli terror in the occupied territories

The International Commission of Inquiry into Israeli Violation of Human Rights in the Occupied Arab Territories, sponsored by the World Peace Council, held its second session in Helsinki, Finland, May 19-21, 1975. The Commission was presided over by WPC Secretary General Romesh Chandra, and included representatives from Finland, Italy, India, France, and the USSR.

The Commission heard testimony from prominent Israeli citizens, as well as from witnesses from the occupied Arab territories.

The Commission found, among other facts, that the Israeli rulers are applying repressive laws in the occupied territories in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention (1949), and that thousands of Palestinians and other inhabitants of the occupied lands are being victimized daily; trials of a political nature are heard before military courts with no right to appeal; prisoners and detainees are subjected to the most inhuman and barbaric tortures; and that widespread cultural repression is enacted by the Israeli ruling circles.

Based on its findings, the Commission issued the following appeal.

The total picture of evidence presented before the Commission reveals conclusively that the occupied Arab territories are living under a rule of an openly terroristic nature. Crimes are being committed daily which can be described without hesitation as war crimes against humanity. They are not committed by

mere individuals, but are part of a system of institutionalized terror planned and determined by the top-most leaders in the Israeli government. The responsibility rests with the Israeli ruling circles as a whole.

The multitude of violations of human rights are crimes which call for the severest punishment. The Commission demands that all those responsible for instituting this system of terror as well as those who are executing it should be brought to trial for these crimes by the international community, in accordance with Article 6 of the Nuremberg Statutes.

The use of barbaric terror as a tool to perpetuate occupation, subjugate other peoples, and deprive a whole people of its right to self-determination, independence and sovereignty, is a crime which should be condemned and punished by the whole world.

With all it stands for, the Israeli occupation of Arab territories is a challenge to all mankind and a serious threat to the peace and security of the Middle East and the whole world. We must respond to it without hesitation. Governments not only have to condemn it, but also to persistently work for the implementation of the UN Resolutions on the Middle East crisis and the national rights of the Arab people of Palestine. The UN Resolutions still await implementation.

The Commission greets the peace forces in Israel, those courageous men and women resolutely struggling against the policy of war and aggression pursued by the Israeli government and valiantly defending the rights of the people of the occupied Arab territories.

The Commission places its findings before all governments, parliaments, intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies, mass organizations and all men of goodwill, urgently appealing to them to act immediately in unison and without hesitation to put an end to the flagrant violation of human rights by the Israeli authorities in the occupied Arab territories. It calls upon each and every one of them to shoulder their responsibilities. Silence is impermissible and unjustifiable in the face of the crimes being committed daily in the occupied territories.

The Commission makes an urgent appeal to all to:

— Denounce the grave violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories;

— Bring pressure to bear on the Israeli government to release all political prisoners in the occupied Arab territories and stop the use of torture;

— Put an end to deportation of people from the occupied Arab territories and put pressure on the Israeli government to allow all those already deported to return to their homes;

— Actively support and express solidarity with the struggle of the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories against Israeli occupation;

— Demand respect and application of all international agreements and covenants on human rights in the occupied territories;

— Resolutely strive for the implementation of the UN Resolutions on the Middle East crisis and on the National Rights of the Arab People of Palestine.

Arab at Book Fair

Ottawa,

Visitors of the Arab Pavilion at the International Book Fair in Montreal saw for the first time in Canada an original relief of the earliest Alphabet of Ugarit. They also saw replicas of papyri from Ancient Egypt as well books from the early Islamic era.

The League of Arab States, which consists of twenty Arab countries represented in Canada by the Arab Information centre in Ottawa, participated in the International Book Fair which was held in Montreal from 15 to

19 May 1975 with a United Arab Pavilion. Several publishing houses in various Arab countries including Palestine, also participated in the Arab pavilion. Their stands displayed books and publications in several languages. Representatives of the leading publishing houses were present.

The exhibits included an original relief of the earliest alphabet known



in the world. It is the Alphabet of Ugarit which pertains to the middle of the second millennium B. C., discovered in Ras Shamra, the ancient Ugarit in Syria. Other exhibits included replicas of papyri from Ancient Egypt.

During the Fair, the Arab Information Centre showed parts of the audio-visual series, Heritage of Ancient Egypt, which covers a substantial part of the Pharaonic period.

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Kaddoumi's Interview

Falangists aims are thwarted

BY ELIAS MASSOUH

Farouk Kaddoumi, (Abul Lutot), the head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation,

said in interview with this writer in reply to a question on the situation in Lebanon following the recent clashes between the Falangist Party militia men and the Palestinians commandos that "thanks to Lebanese awakening that the aim of the Falangists to have the clashes turn into a communal war was thwarted."

"The Falangist were left with no support, even Maronite leaders like Patriarch Antonios Khreish, Camil Chamoun and Rimon Eddeh denied them to support. President Frangieh and Premier Rashid Al Solh tackled the situation wisely and sincerely. So did religious leader Musa Al Sadr.

The liberal nationalist forces led by Kamal Jumblat supported the Palestinian resistance whole-heartedly," he added.

FALANGISTS ALONE

Kaddoumi said the clashes in Lebanon "have enhanced the persuasion that Lebanese hospitality cannot be violated. The Falangists have found themselves alone contrary to what they had expected."

"Nevertheless," he added, "the possibilities of danger are still there from the angle of attempts aimed at the resistance movement and the Palestine people in Lebanon. This aim still stands. There are forces, including the Falangists that will

continue to strive or hope to put off the Palestinian torch. Nevertheless, this danger has lost a lot of its potential. But we will continue to be on the alert."

Asked about the reported reconciliation between the commandos and the Falangists, Kaddoumi said there was talk about reconciliation "but our reply was that the resistance movement is in Lebanon under an agreement between it and the Lebanese authority, not between it and organisations and groups."

He said that question of reconciliation with the Falangists was irrelevant in this context. "We will continue to be particular about not involving ourselves in Lebanese rivalries."

KISSINGER'S MISSION

About Kissinger and Geneva, Kaddoumi had this to say:

"Kissinger's failure has given evidence of the truth of the political picture and course which we had insisted on following the October war. We objected to the step-by-step approach because that was intended to divide the issue and consequently hamper the resolutions adopted by Algiers and Rabat summits.

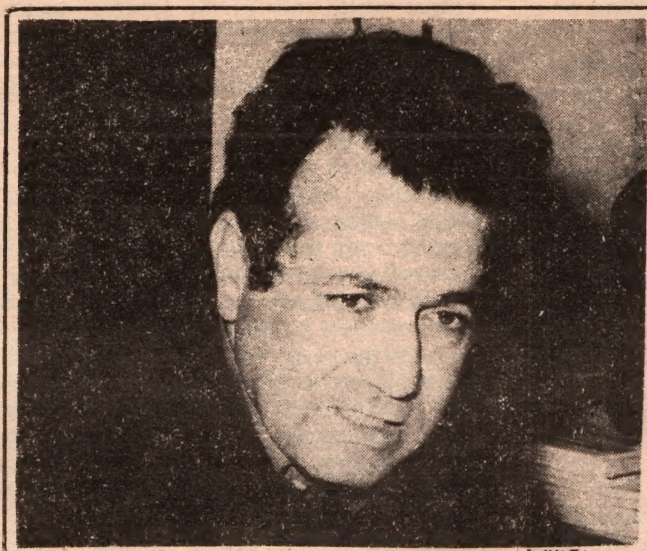
"We had difference with Egypt during the tripartite conference in Cairo. We maintained that what was going on violated the resolutions of Algiers and Rabat summit conferences. Egypt replied that what counted were the results not the approach. Egypt said that it was free to act. We also regar-

ded ourselves free to act. And so did Syria.

"But now and as a result of the failure of Kissinger's move, things are supposed to have changed. We hope so. We hope that a recourse will be made to the stand started at Algiers summit, that is:

- 1 — Israel's withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories in the June 1967 war
- 2 — Jerusalem should remain Arab.
- 3 — The legitimate rights of the Palestinian people should be guaranteed.

"These are the staged, that is, the immediate aims of Arab action. The PLO did not object to this staged plan. This was stressed at the 22nd conference of the Palestinian Congress which outlined ten points in its ten-point resolution, the basis of nationalist authority over the Palestinian territories which will be restored.



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against our rights, and this fact implies a recognition on its part that these rights exist.

GENEVA TALKS

About Geneva, Kaddoumi said:

"The Geneva conference is not possible without the participation of the Palestinians as an independent delegation. The Palestinians won't go to Geneva according to resolution No. 242. We will go to Geneva as representatives of the Palestinian people and according to the resolutions of the Rabat and Algiers summit conferences. The Geneva conference won't be held, furthermore, until the Soviet and American sides agree on the participants. In this case, America would have to extend an invitation to the PLO, since the U.S. is the co-chairman of the conference. And this would mean U.S. recognition of the PLO. But since such an American recognition is still far away, the Geneva conference similarly seems distant.

Kaddoumi added:

"This follows that war is the closest possibility but unfortunately there are Arab sides that have shown many of their cards which according to the rule of the game should have remained covered."

CLEAR GUIDELINES

Kaddoumi added:

"A united Arab stand is the main thing. We hope that clear outlines will be laid down in Riyadh meeting which we have sought with our Saudi brothers for this purpose."

Kaddoumi said in reply to a question by this writer that he does not believe in the success of political effort at this stage of the conflict with Israel.

He added: "Israel, I believe, won't leave the territories without being fought. We will see that finally this will be the only solution. We fight daily and we will continue to fight until our rights have been restored. But this should not prevent us from seeking to restore our territories in way we deem fit and satisfactory to us.

"Fighting has opened the doors of the world for us. We are now everywhere, including the U.S. despite its non-recognition of us. The U.S. fights

Freedom



Israeli shell, used by the Lebanese Falangists against the Palestinian refugee camps, did not explode.

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